

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2003-348

June 23, 2004

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PROCEDURAL ORDER

Settlement conference calls took place on June 15 and 16. At those conferences, the Commission Staff, Madison Paper Industries (MPI), and the other parties discussed and expanded upon the concepts expressed in the Memo from Staff labeled "Additional Settlement Proposal" dated June 9, 2004. Based upon those discussions, the Examiner decided, with the consent of the parties, to continue settlement discussions for another few weeks, even though that meant that the Commission would not decide the case by July 1. The parties consented to direct telephone discussions between Denis Bergeron and MPI representatives. After those telephone calls, counsel for MPI will attempt to put a written Stipulation together. The Examiner will schedule another settlement conference call to discuss a written Stipulation within a few days after the document is distributed.

Exceptions to the Examiner's Report issued on June 15, 2004 will not be due until further order of the Examiner. The oral argument scheduled for July 1, 2004 at the Commission is postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 23rd day of June, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

James A. Buckley